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CRISIS ABOUT OVER

Resumption of Normal Conditions Close at Hand

BANKS IN GOOD CONDITIONS

Gold Engagements Amount to Over \$50,000,000

Breaks all Record in History of New York Finance—Raising of Discount Rates Does Not Stop Importation of Yellow Metal—Notable Advances by Active Shares in Stock Market.

New York, November 9.—The financial situation made further progress today toward the resumption of normal conditions. Gold was engaged to bring the total for this movement up to more than \$50,000,000, an unprecedented acquisition of the yellow metal in the history of New York finances. The bank statement was more favorable than had been expected, showing a loss of \$4,313,000 in the banks in cash holdings and the stock market was firm, most of the active shares showing advances on the day's trading.

The bank statement does not show the full benefits of the gold received from London, as the statement is calculated on a basis of averages for each day of the week and the greater part of the gold was received late in the week. Thus a statement of the condition of the banks at the close of business today would show their cash supplies to be much larger than under the average system of computations. Next week there will be more arrivals of gold and all of that received this week will figure for the full week so that next week's statement is expected to show large gains in reserve. While the deficit in the reserve is \$51,000,000 it should be noted that the cash on hand is still 20 per cent. of all deposits, including those made by the government and which are secured by collateral. This is five per cent. less than required by the 25 per cent. rule, but it is five per cent. more than local institutions are called upon to maintain under the state banking laws.

Notable advances were made by the active shares in the stock market during the week, today's final sales showing higher prices as follows: U. S. Steel, 1-1/2; U. S. Steel preferred, 2-3/4; Reading, 4-1/8; Pennsylvania, 4-7/8; Northern Pacific, 1-3/4; New York Central, 2-5/8; Missouri Pacific, 1-1/2; Great Northern, 2-1/4; St. Paul, 2-7/8; American Sugar, 3 per cent.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Accepted a Deposit While Knowing Bank Was Insolvent.

Portland, Ore., November 9.—J. Thorburn Ross, president; George H. Hill, vice president and T. T. Eerkman, treasurer of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company which went into the hands of a receiver Wednesday last were arrested today and a warrant is out for John E. Aitchison, secretary of the defunct institute. Aitchison is now in New York city.

They were released this afternoon on furnishing \$2,500 bail each. The charge against them is accepting money on deposit while knowing the bank was insolvent. Under the laws of Oregon this is a felony punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years, or by fine and imprisonment.

The arrests were made on complaint of C. F. Egan, who alleges that on October 28, the day before the present day to day holiday period began, he deposited \$550. Egan alleges that the officials of the bank knew on that day and had for some time previous known that the bank was insolvent.

Action Taken Against Metropolitan Street Railway Company

New York, November 9.—An action of foreclosure of a mortgage which it held as trustee against the property of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company was begun by the National Trust Company today in the United States circuit court.

The mortgage was given to secure an issue of bonds that should at no time exceed \$95,000,000. An action was recently commenced by the National Trust Company against the receivers of the Metropolitan, asking that the profits and earnings of the road be applied to the payment of interest and lease rentals and provided for in the mortgage.

The receivers, by order of the court, are made parties to the action.

Bank Statement

New York, November 9.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks held \$1,924,825 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease in the proportionate cash reserve of \$13,085,000 as compared with last week.

WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON DEATH OF COL. J. H. ESTILL

International Convention of North American Y. M. C. A.—

Wilmington Association Should Have Strong Delegation—Opening Reception of Boys Department—A "Week of Prayer"—Meeting for Election of Directors.

The Thirty-sixth international convention of the North American Young Men's Christian Association will be held in Washington, D. C., November 25-30th. The convention speakers will include Ambassador James Bryce, Honorable J. A. McDonald, Toronto, Canada; Honorable William J. Bryan, Gov. R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina; Dr. W. T. Grenfell, Labrador; Dr. Robert Johnson, D. D., Montreal; Commissioner Watchorn, New York; Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, New York; Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, New York; Honorable Seldon P. Spencer, St. Louis; Dr. E. I. Bosworth, Oberlin; Bishop Brent, Manila; Dr. Floyd W. Tompkins, Philadelphia; Bishop William F. McDowell, Chicago; Mr. Robert E. Speer, New York, and Alfred E. Marling, New York.

The delegates will be received by President Roosevelt at the White House.

The Wilmington association should have a strong delegation, as the convention is so near. It may be many years before the international convention will again be held as near as Washington, and it affords a splendid opportunity for the delegates to attend what promises to be one of the most interesting and influential conventions ever held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association and to see the capital at the same time. Any member wishing to attend should send his name to the president or secretary of the association at once.

There will be no meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building this afternoon as it has been deemed best to unite with the special meeting in the opera house. A crowd of interested and interesting boys gathered in the boys room on Friday evening in attendance at the opening reception of the boys department. Plans for the months of November and December were presented by the secretary, approved by the boys, and all together start out to make the plans count. Following this the boys devoted themselves without reserve to games, in which they were led by Messrs. L. King, J. W. Little, and Secretary Kettle. Cake and cream were served.

On Monday evening next the members of the Bible study club of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the assembly room. Luncheon will be served promptly at 7 p. m., to be followed immediately by the study for the evening. All men who were in Dr. McClure's class last year are cordially invited to membership in the club.

In compliance with the request of the world's committee the local association will observe the week commencing with November 19, as the "Week of Prayer." Each day during the week a brief meeting for prayer will be held in the building from 1:05 to 1:25 p. m. All men who can attend are urged to do so. The meetings will be conducted by business and professional men of the city. Col. Walker Taylor will have charge of the meeting Monday.

The annual meeting for the election of men to fill vacancies on the board of directors will be held in the assembly hall, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All members of the association entitled to vote are cordially invited to be present.

The gymnasium night class for young men will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Ben Thees will have charge of the class. All young men desiring to enter the class are asked to report promptly.

ESCAPED THE DEATH CHAIR

Italian Prevented From Walking Barefooted and Bareheaded—Church to Give Thanks for His Deliverance

New York, November 9.—Only a threat that if he did not desist he would be returned to the Tombs where for many months he had remained in the shadow of death, prevented Raffaele Cascone from carrying out his vow to walk barefooted and bareheaded from the prison to a church in East 116 street, there to give thanks for his deliverance.

Cascone was convicted June 3rd 1903, of murdering Luigi Sinischiatti and was sentenced to death. He spent 22 months in the death house at Sing Sing and was then granted a new trial by the court or appeals. He was brought back to New York and since that time has been confined in the Tombs. Yesterday he was acquitted on his second trial and was released today.

While in the Tombs Cascone became the intimate friend of Harry Thaw, the young Pittsburgher who is awaiting a second trial for the killing of Stanford White.

When Cascone emerged from the building today a number of his friends met him with large candles and he began to make arrangements for his walk of penance through the streets when the police interfered. He went to the church in a cab.

Passed Away at Home Near Savannah Last Night

Deceased Was Proprietor of Savannah Morning Newspaper and Was Widely Known Politically—Served in Confederate Army Until Disabled by Wounds.

Savannah, Nov. 9.—John Holbrook Estill died tonight at 7:15 o'clock at his home at Isle of Hope, near this city.

He had been ill from a malady of the heart since last April and several times during the progress of the disease it was thought that he would expire.

Colonel Estill was best known as the proprietor of the Savannah Morning News, though his business connections were varied and extensive. He was also widely known politically because of two campaigns he made for governor.

The first was in 1902, when he made a very strong race, and the second in 1906.

In 1882 he was chairman of the state democratic executive committee and in 1892 he was the member from Georgia of the democratic national committee.

In Charleston, S. C. on October 28, 1840 Colonel Estill was born, eleven years later he came to Savannah and secured a job in a printing office. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he was with the Oglethorpe Light Infantry.

He was wounded at the first battle of Manassas and in 1863 was mustered out because of the disability the wound caused.

Later he joined the volunteer force at Savannah and opposed Sherman's march to the sea.

After the war, though left penniless Colonel Estill devoted himself closely to business.

In 1867, having been in the printing of newspaper business in the meantime, he purchased a half interest in the Morning News and two years later secured the entire control.

For twenty years he was president of the Georgia Press Association.

Many business and charitable enterprises in Savannah have felt the impetus of Colonel Estill's management or association.

Perhaps next to the Morning News the institution that has received the greatest measure of his attention and interest is the Bethesda orphanage for boys, which was founded by Geo. Whitehead more than a century and a half ago.

For more than a quarter of a century, Colonel Estill was president of the union society by which the orphanage is managed. A widow and five sons survive Colonel Estill.

FEAR COMPLICATIONS

Presence of Chinese Student in School Perplexes School Board.

Oil City, Pa., Nov. 9.—The Oil City school board is perplexed over the presence of a Chinese student in the public schools.

The question at issue is whether the Mongolian is 18 or 28 years old. Members of the board fear complications with China and are awaiting the arrival in Washington of Ambassador Wu Ting Fang.

Friends of the pupil say that he is only 18 years old and is entitled to the privileges of the schools. Others object to his presence, claiming that he is over 25 and should not be permitted to mingle with the young children.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

J. N. Seale, Official of the Southern Railroad.

Washington, Nov. 9.—J. N. Seale, manager of the northern and eastern division of the Southern railway was stricken with paralysis while at Salisbury, N. C., this morning and was brought direct to this city where he arrived tonight.

He was so ill that he was not removed from his private car, but Mrs. Seale met him at the station and continued by his bedside the remainder of the night.

The physician said at 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning that his patient was resting easily and that his condition was better than it had been.

T. D. HEARD DROPS DEAD

Danville, Va., Nov. 9.—T. D. Beard, commissioner of revenue in Amherst county, dropped dead here today from heart trouble following the shock of the death of his brother, Sheriff John R. Beard, who was killed by a train in this city last night. He was called to the city on account of the death.

The bodies of the two brothers were sent to Amherst today, accompanied by a Amherst escort.

THE CONFERENCE AT ATLANTA

Governor Glenn Tells of Object of the Meeting

Discussed Laws of Various States Relating to Railroad Rates—Took no Action to Change or Modify Them. Conference With President Finley.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 9.—Governor Glenn, seeing articles in various newspapers regarding the conference of governors at Atlanta last week and his own position towards the railways gives the following interview.

Governor Comer, of Alabama, invited me to confer with himself and Governor Smith at Atlanta. No details were given as to the object of this meeting, save regarding to passenger and freight rates. The council of state and the state's attorneys advised me to go. At our meeting we at first discussed the laws in the various states, to ascertain how far there was uniformity. Governor Comer submitted a proposition from the Southern railway regarding interstate and intrastate rates, but feeling that governors were simply executive officers with no rights to change laws or take upon themselves the duties of the corporation commission, we took no action looking to changing said laws or even modifying them. We did discuss methods by which present laws could be enforced and also methods by which interstate rates might be made uniform and not differ as at present.

The governor further said: "Some people do not appear to understand the object of my conference with President Finley of the Southern railway. Some have taken it to be an attempt to modify the law passed by the last legislature. Any lawyer or business man will readily understand that I have no power to change or amend the rate fixed. This can only be done by the legislature. The proposition submitted to the Southern railway, which I think fair and just was this: 'Let the railroad stop its suit and the state stop its suit, thereby producing harmony and good will between the people and the railroad; then let the railroad give the present rate a fair test of six or eight months, seeing in that time whether or not increased travel would not enable the road to make as much or more than heretofore or at least be in no sense confiscatory of railway property, and if at the end of eight months the railroad ascertains that the rate was not injurious or confiscatory the law to be continued, but if it was found greatly injurious or confiscatory the legislature to be called together to change the rate to the end that no injustice be done. This is my position in regard to this matter. The law passed by the legislature should be obeyed until fully tested. The railroad should submit to the law without taking any action in the courts, for a sufficient period to ascertain its results and then if it proves to be injurious the sovereign state can be called upon to remedy any wrong and if the state sees any wrong has been done it will readily remedy any evil.'

Governor Glenn feels that such a course would bring about peace and harmony and he yet hopes that the railways will see the wisdom of the course and agree upon such a line of action.

George P. Grantham, of Dunn, is appointed a delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington December 4th.

TROUSSEAU OF A PRINCESS

All Paris Discussing Magnificent Display of Feminine Finery.

Paris, November 9.—[The] trousseau of Princess Marie Bonaparte whose marriage to Prince George of Greece will be celebrated next month, has been put on exhibition and has set all Paris to discussing it. Such a magnificent display of feminine finery had not been seen here since the advent of the third republic. There are 65 different costumes complete, a dozen hats, a profusion of costly furs and sables, acres of linens and piles of dainty lingerie. The lingerie alone cost \$30,000, the beautiful skirts and other garments which the bride will wear on her wedding day attracting special attention. The princess has been the subject of much criticism by Parisians because the entire trousseau was purchased at a single house, and not a French but at an Austrian house.

WESTON REACHES UTICA

Aged Pedestrian Welcomed by Crowd of Several Thousand Persons.

Syracuse, N. Y., November 9.—Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, on his way from Portland, Maine, to Chicago, arrived here at 7:45 this evening. He was greeted by a crowd of several thousand persons, many of whom saw him when he passed through Syracuse on the same trip forty years ago. He made the fifty miles from Utica in a little over 16 hours. He will remain here tomorrow, the guest of old time friends, and will leave on Monday morning for the west.

DISPENSARY AS PROHIBITION

Election Will be Held on December 26th

Bank at Mount Olive Chartered. Very Little Cotton Coming In—Material for Maudslow Temple Arriving. Commissions Issued.

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, Nov. 9.

State Auditor Dixon and Corporation Commissioner Samuel R. Rogers leave Sunday night for Columbus, Ohio, in order to reach there in time for the opening session of the national convention of state auditors, tax commissioners etc., at which a great many questions involving state and local taxation will be brought up. Dr. Dixon has studied very much on this question and he will be able to give the convention some valuable ideas.

Commissions are issued to W. W. Boddie and C. H. Banks as first and second lieutenants of Company D, Third regiment, at Louisville, and to Frank P. Wiggins, second lieutenant Company A, Third regiment at Warrenton. Governor Glenn has accepted the resignation of Lieutenant W. H. Foy, Company G, Third regiment, Reidsville.

The Citizens Bank of Mt. Olive, in Wayne county, is chartered, capital stock \$15,000, J. D. Kelley, R. D. Southerland and others being the stock holders.

The Raleigh people will vote the day after Christmas, December 26th, on the question of whether the dispensary is to be retained or whether there shall be prohibition. Twenty-four years ago Raleigh was a dry town. At that time the sale of liquor was allowed in the county and there were seven saloons on the very edge of the township which did a rushing business. It is claimed by the prohibition element that it is dead sure to win and that the petition for an election shows this. On the other hand the advocates for the dispensary think that institution be retained. Of course a number of very sharp attacks on the dispensary have been made and there is no little feeling against it in all circles. Governor Glenn has taken occasion several times to criticize it sharply. It is felt even by its advocates that it is by no manner of means a good institution.

State Superintendent Joyner has a delightful letter today from Dr. S. C. Mitchell, the president of Richmond college, who took occasion to pay Mr. Joyner's annual report a great many compliments. He said that it was very able and conclusive and that it was inspiring to follow his figures showing the progress North Carolina has made, the report being valuable to all the southern states by reason of its broad treatment of questions which are in a measure before all the states in the south. He declares that Mr. Joyner is making history and that his work in North Carolina is developing the whole people in one of highest benefit and will be a monument to him.

General Pond, U. S. A., retired, is here, the guest of General Charles A. Woodruff. During the Civil War he was captured in this state around Washington. He married Miss Elizabeth Bahnsen, of Selma, a sister of Dr. E. F. Bahnsen. His son graduated at the state university at Chapel Hill a few years ago.

Attorney Norman H. Johnson of the North Carolina Merchants Association will speak at Newton on the 15th, Statesville 19th, Mooresville 13th and Rockingham 22nd. Next Wednesday he speaks at Philadelphia to the Trading Men and Merchants Association and on Thursday will speak at the Merchants Association and the Board of Trade.

Remarkably little cotton is coming in these days, the farmers are holding on to it very tight and believe there will be an advance in price.

STARTED A RIOT.

Refusal of Saloon Keeper to Cash Clearing House Certificates.

Stuebenville, O., Nov. 9.—As the result of the alleged refusal of a saloon keeper to cash clearing house certificates presented by foreigners employed at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Mingo Junction, near here, today the foreigners started a riot in which George Vishnie, the bartender in self defense, is said to have shot and fatally wounded two of the men.

Father and Children Cremated.

Ulm, Minn., November 9.—Henry Grimmer, an invalid, and his three young children, were cremated today by a fire which destroyed their home.

Grimmer was in bed at the time. His wife had gone out and locked the children in the house.

LABOR LEGISLATION

President Roosevelt Confers With Union Officials

Many Matters Discussed

Union Officials Expressed Satisfaction at Result

Questions Presented Discussed Freely by the President—No Indication That He Made Any Promise Stated That the President Will Give Due Consideration to Requests.

Washington, November 9.—President Roosevelt today conferred with President Gompers and the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor regarding labor legislation at the coming session of congress. John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' Union, who is ill, was the only member of the council absent. D. J. Shackleton and John Dodge, members of the British parliament and fraternal delegates from Great Britain to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which is to be opened at Norfolk, Va., next Monday also were present.

After the conference President Gompers said: "We discuss with the president the questions of labor legislation which has been presented to congress including the 8-hour day proposition; women and child labor; employment liability and its extension; the injunction process and the abuses which it has developed. The president discussed these matters freely with us and treated us with every consideration. As to what he will do for labor in his forthcoming message to congress I prefer he should say himself."

Mr. Gompers would also indicate whether the president had made any promises during the interview. He regarded the interview however, as "satisfactory."

It was stated at the white house that the president would take the requests of the executive committee under consideration.

REFUSED OFFER OF MARRIAGE

Man Murdered Woman and Almost Severed His Own Head With Razor

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Infuriated because his offer of marriage had been refused, Shreve Yaeger, a drunken father, this afternoon murdered Mrs. Lena Dobmeier and then almost severed his own head with a razor.

Neighbors heard the couple quarreling this afternoon and sent for a policeman.

Just as Officer John Scott reached the front steps Mrs. Dobmeier threw open a window and screamed for help. She was pulled back into the room by Yaeger.

Scott ran upstairs and threw his weight against the door. Inside he could hear the sound of blows and the cries of the woman.

When the door was finally opened the officer saw Yaeger standing on the opposite side of the room drawing a razor across his throat. Mrs. Dobmeier's body lay upon the floor. A keen edged father's hatchet was buried in her skull and there were numerous gashes in her shoulders where Yaeger had missed his aim.

Her left hand was completely chopped off.

TEXAS CASH EXHAUSTED

Treasurer Forced to Suspend Payment of State Warrants

Austin, Tex., Nov. 9.—The refusal of the state depository banks to supply the necessary cash has forced the state treasurer to suspend payments of state warrants, all the available cash in the hands of the treasurer having been exhausted.

In the different depositories the state has on deposit \$1,504,637, amply secured by approved security and personal bonds.

Several of the banks have offered to furnish exchange for the amounts deposited by the treasurer but declare they cannot supply the actual cash.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Elevator, Flour Mills, Houses and 700,000 Bushels of Grain Burned.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 9.—Fire which started in the grain elevator at Superior Wis., at 9 o'clock last night was brought under control after having destroyed the elevator, three flour mills, forty homes and \$700,000 bushels of grain.

Two scows, a derrick and two tugs were also burned.

The loss aggregates \$2,518,500. The cause of the fire is unknown.

New Portiers, Curtains at Gaylord's.